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DMR NAME CHANGE FORUM

WHEN: Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 9:30 AM

WHERE: Room 1D, Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut

PURPOSE: This forum is an opportunity for statewide public input on the important issue of a potential name change for DMR.

SIGN-UP: Sign-up for the forum will begin at 8:30 A.M. in the first floor Atrium of the LOB.

WRITTEN STATEMENTS: If you prepare a written statement, please submit 20 copies to DMR staff at the time of sign-up.

TIME LIMITS: Depending on the number of people signed up, speakers may be limited to 3 minutes.

ORDER OF SPEAKERS: The order of speakers will be determined by the order of the sign up list.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: Anyone requiring a special accommodation should contact DMR's Legislative Liaison, Christine Pollio at (860) 418-6066, prior to the day of the forum so that arrangements can be made accordingly.

DIRECTIONS: http://www.dmr.state.ct.us/images/NameChange_dirLOB.pdf

Members of the Public Health Committee will be invited to join Commissioner O'Meara and selected DMR staff to listen to public comment. Invited participants will include consumers and families receiving services provided by the department, advocates of persons with mental retardation, private providers, advocacy groups, councils, advisory committees and other interested parties. Please pass along this information to anyone that you think might be interested in providing input.

There are other opportunities for public input on the Name Change issue. This information is available online at <http://www.dmr.state.ct.us/NameChange.htm>. DMR staff will compile and evaluate the input provided at the public forum along with questionnaire submissions and Weblog entries. DMR will then make a formal recommendation to the Legislature as to if the name should be changed, if so to what, and any fiscal implications of a potential name change.